

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants originally submitted Claims 1-26 in the application. In response to an election requirement, the Applicants provisionally selected Claims 1-7 without traverse and withdrew Claims 8-26. In previous responses, the Applicants amended Claims 1-3, canceled dependent Claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer and added Claim 27. In the present response, the Applicants have not amended, added or canceled any claims. Accordingly, Claims 1-2, 4-7 and 27 are currently pending in the application.

### **I. Rejection of Claims 1, 5, 7 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Examiner rejected Claims 1, 5, 7 and 27 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by the cited Cyberpower User Manual for CPS700AVR (hereinafter referred to as Cyberpower). The Applicants respectfully disagree.

Cyberpower is a user manual for an automatic voltage regulator, the CPS700AVR, for electronic equipment connected thereto. (See for example, the Table of Contents.) The Examiner asserts the "Electrical Wiring Fault Indicator" of the CPS700AVR discloses the continuity indicator circuits of independent Claim 1. (See Examiner's Action, page 2, referring to #2 of the description on labeled page 1 of Cyberpower.) Even assuming *arguendo* that the electronic equipment equates to the connected components of Claim 1, the "Electrical Wiring Fault Indicator" is not configured to indicate continuity faults with respect to the electronic equipment connected to the CPS700AVR. Instead, the "Electrical Wiring Fault Indicator" will illuminate to warn the user that a wiring problem exists **with the AC outlet**. (See Cyberpower, labeled page 1, #2 of the Description, and labeled page 7, the last condition of the table.) Thus, the "Electrical Wiring Fault Indicator" indicates problems

with the AC outlet into which the CPS700AVR is plugged, not equipment plugged into the CPS700AVR. (See, for example, labeled page 2, step 1 referring to "the unit plugged into an AC outlet.") Additionally, the "Electrical Wiring Fault Indicator" is a single indicator; not multiple "continuity indicator circuits" as recited in Claim 1. Therefore, for at least these reasons, the "Electrical Wiring Fault Indicator" does not teach "continuity indicator circuits configured to indicate continuity faults with respect to connected ones of said components" as asserted by the Examiner.

As such, Cyberpower does not anticipate independent Claim 1 and Claims 5, 7 and 27 which depend thereon. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw §102(a) rejection of Claims 1, 5, 7 and 27 and allow issuance thereof.

## **II. Rejection of Claims 2, 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103**

The Examiner rejected Claims 2, 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cyberpower in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,728,616 to Cheek, *et al.* The Applicants respectfully disagree.

As discussed above, Cyberpower does not teach a central connector module including continuity indicator circuits as recited in independent Claim 1. Additionally, Cyberpower does not suggest the same but instead is directed to user instructions for an automatic voltage regulator. Cheek has not been cited to cure the deficiencies of Cyberpower but to teach the subject matter of dependent Claims 2, 4 and 6. (See Examiner's Action, pages 4-5.) Additionally, Cheek does not cure the deficiencies of Cyberpower since Cheek teaches an apparatus for testing the continuity and erroneous connections of a plurality of wired connections. (See column 1, lines 30-32.) Thus,

instead of disclosing a central connector module, Cheek teaches a separate device that is used to check continuity of circuits. Cheek, therefore, does not cure the deficiencies of Cyberpower.

As such, the cited combination of Cyberpower and Cheek does not provide a *prima facie* case of obviousness of independent Claim 1 and Claims 2, 4 and 6 which depend thereon. The cited combination, therefore, does not render obvious Claims 2, 4 and 6. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the 103(a) rejection of Claims 2, 4 and 6 and allow issuance thereof.

### III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant sees all of the Claims currently pending in this application to be in condition for allowance and therefore earnestly solicits a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-2, 4-7 and 27.

The Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney of record at (972) 480-8800 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, credits or overpayments to Deposit Account 08-2395.

Respectfully submitted,

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